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SUBJ: SANCTIONS COMITE PRESS RELEASE OF

"VENTURE FOR VICTORY"

REF: USUN 2902

TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE WHICH RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMITE  
AGREED AUGUST 16 TO RELEASE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

AT ITS 162ND MEETING HELD ON 16 AUGUST 1973 THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN PURSUANCE OF RESOLUTION  
253 (1968) CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA  
DECIDED TO ISSUE AS A PRESS RELEASE THE STATEMENT MADE  
BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF KENYA AT THAT MEETING, CONCERNING  
A BASKET-BALL TEAM FROM THE UNITED STATES CURRENTLY ON  
A TOUR OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES IN AFRICA.

THE STATEMENT READS AS FOLLOWS:

"SOMETIME BEFORE THE END OF LAST MONTH, THE ATTENTION OF  
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MY GOVERNMENT WAS DRAWN TO A PROJECTED VISIT BY A BASKET-BALL

TEAM FROM THE UNITED STATES KNOWN AS 'VENTURE FOR VICTORY'. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT 'VENTURE FOR VICTORY' WAS ON ITS WAY TO AFRICA AS A PART OF A TOUR OF THREE CONTINENTS: AFRICA, ASIA AND AUSTRALIA. 'VENTURE FOR VICTORY', WE UNDERSTAND, IS A SMALL, PRIVATE BASKET-BALL TEAM FINANCED BY CERTAIN CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. PART OF THE ENGAGEMENT OF 'VENTURE FOR VICTORY' INVOLVED PLAYING MATCHES AGAINST TEAMS IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. UPON LEARNING THIS, THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA ISSUED DIRECTIVES TO THE BASKET-BALL FEDERATION OF KENYA TO THE EFFECT THAT, IF THIS TEAM ARRIVED IN KENYA, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO THE ORGANIZERS OR TO THE MANAGER OF THE TEAM THAT, IF IT STILL PLANNED TO PLAY IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA, IT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER KENYA, OR IT MIGHT BE ALLOWED INTO KENYA AS A TOURIST TEAM WITHOUT ENGAGING IN ANY ACTIVITY LIKE BASKET-BALL PLAYING.

"FORTUNATELY THE MESSAGE WAS COMMUNICATED TO 'VENTURE FOR CIVTORY' ORGANIZERS WHILE THE TEAM WAS STILL IN SOME PART OF WEST AFRICA. CONSEQUENTLY IT DID NOT MAKE PREPARATION TO ENTER KENYA BUT PROCEEDED TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT 'VENTURE FOR VICTORY' WAS TO START PLAYING IN SOUTHERN RHODEISA WITH EFFECT FROM THE 10TH OF THIS MONTH UP TO THE END OF THIS MONTH AND WE DO BELIEVE THAT IT IS STILL GOING ON.

"MY DELEGATION WOULD ONLY LIKE TO APPEAL TO COUNTRIES CONCERNED THAT, IN THE SPIRIT OF UPHOLDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA, THEY SHOULD TAKE ALL MEASURES POSSIBLE TO SEE TO IT THAT SUCH OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOT GIVEN TO 'VENTURE FOR VICTORY' AFTER PARTICULARLY PARTICIPATING IN GAMES IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA, WHATEVER IS THE NATURE OF 'VENTURE FOR VICTORY' ORGANIZATION OR THE NATURE OF THE GAMES THEY ARE INVOLVED IN.

"MY DELEGATION IS MERELY BRINGING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THIS COMMITTEE FOR RECORDS PURPOSES. WE ARE NOT REQUESTING ANY SPECIFIC ACTION TO BE TAKEN APART FROM APPEALING TO STATES, MEMBER STATES OF THIS ORGANIZATION WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY 'VENTURE FOR VICTORY' FOR TRANSIT OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLAYING. THEY SHOULD DENY THESE FACILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS."

THE COMMITTEE THANKED KENYA FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMITTEE'S WORK. UNQTE.  
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